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WEDNESDAY SEPT. 25, 1895.

THIS PAPER RECEIVES THE COM-VICE OF THE SOUTHERN ASSOCIA-TED PRESS AND THE UNITED

The New Yorkers and Silver.

The readers of the Dispatch know that we have for months advocated interna tional co-operation as the only possible compromise on the silver question. Our oroposition was pronounced by the single standard goldites as one that would not answer the purpose for which it was in- bring the count in question. tended. In fact, it was pronounced totally impracticable.

But the Democracy of the great State of New York-the Democracy of Wall street and Tammany Hall-have come to the rescue of the friends of international co-operation, and have given the use of their potent names to the friends of international free coinage. The Democratic State Convention, which assembled at for an agreement with foreign powers for the use of both gold and silver, and declared against the unlimited coinage of silver until such an agreement could be brought about.

The significance of this utterance or | the Democratic clans is added to by the country from Syracuse beforehand, that the New York State convention would be a convention run by the delegates; that there was to be no slate with an invincible machine behind it, and no cutand-dried programme; but that the platform and candidates would be fought over on the floor of the convention.

If we might make another forecast, we would venture to say that the silver problem has been solved. The New York Democrats, without whose aid the national Democratic party is helpless on this question, have ranged themselves or the side of international free-coinage of silver. If free silver international coinage is good for the United States, it is good for England, France, Germany, and, indeed, all the great commercial nations of the earth. There is no good reason why any country should hesitate to comup to the support of the measure advocated by the intelligent bankers and other financiers of the great Empire State of the Union.

Leave the Boards Alone.

Leave our Fire and Police Commissioners alone. Don't vote in favor of changing the charter as to them. Let us stick to the present system; it has served us well, and it is a system which is approved by the best governed municipalities in this or any other country.

To compel these commissioners (who serve without pay) to seek election at the hands of the masses instead of at the hands of the City Council, would be a retrogressive movement; a movement unworthy of the intelligent people of Rich-

Cur Fire and Police boards were created to remove those two departments from politics. These boards were born of a demand of the people and were given us by the Legislature despite the "pulls" of some very influential Democrats who did not wish the old, old way interfered with. Well, we have tried these boards. They have been very successful. They have managed their de partments admirably. They have saved taxpayers much money, and most sanguine advocates

the board system never imagined that they could do better than they have done. But now comes the cry "change Why? No reason is given, except that "the people have sense enough to fill any office." To be sure the people have plenty of sense; but it le only at rare intervals that the people in their mightiness come out to elections. Nearly one half of our people stay at their homes on primary election-days. But we trust that this will not be the case on the 8th of October. On that day we should like to see the largest Democratic primary vote ever cast in Richmond. In that event we believe the verdict will be "Leave the boards alone. They have done well; no fault is found with them, don't think of altering the city charter as to them.'

A Reform That Will Not Reform.

The Committee on the Executive Department in the constitutional conven tion of South Carolina reported on Monday in favor of giving to the Governor the power to veto part of a general appropriation bill and approve the rest of it. If this recommendation be put into the Constitution of South Carolina it will be found to operate exactly as its proponents do not expect nor desire it to work. Its operation will be to provide for a new veto power.

This is not a new subject. The power in question is styled "the discriminating veto." It has been tried in some of the States, we think, and talked of in Congress, but our national legislators have always been too wise to adopt it. It, under the new law, a bill providing for making improvements in rivers and harbors were to go before the President of

the United States for his action upon it, he would veto many of the items which are now put into such bills, and would approve of many items which nad no more merit than a number of those he vetoed. A man cannot separate himself from his surroundings. Such a river as the Appomattox might be utterly unknown, say, to Mr. Cleveland, if it were located in Texas, and yet familiar to him if located in New York. The Kaskaminicas, in Pennsylvania, became a famous river a few years ago because it was mentioned in a national appropriation bill. Whatever bills the President was familiar with would be those he

continent.

not expose.

beyond a doubt."

Dr. Roland P. Jones, the physician who

treated Dr. Edward W. Burnette, of New

York, who died on Sunday of cancer

holds firmly to the belief that the dis-

ease which caused his patient's death

was contracted through inoculation, the

result of his attendance on a cancerous

patient. The New York Sun says it this

be true, it will go a long way toward

deciding a question which has been for many years disputed by physicians. "I

will be, in fact, the first case to estab-

lish this theory. Dr. Burnette was not

only the patient, but the friend of Dr

Jones, and a medical newspaper wil

print an article by Dr. Jones, in which

he will endeavor to prove that Dr. Bur-

nette's case settles the point in dispute

The City Democratic Committee must

see that at least two sections of its plan

are faulty. Therefore it should not hesi-

tate to correct them. By remedying the

errors that we have pointed out, the

City Committee may save itself and the

party a great deal of trouble, whereas,

there is absolutely no reason why the

A portrait of General Washington, said

to have been painted by Gilbert Stuart,

and stolen nearly a century ago, has been

found on the Isle of Man, by William A

Shaw, of Philadelphia. The portrait is a

replica in oil of the Lansdowne portrait.

a full-length painting, now owned by Lord

Rosebery, and is said to be in a fine

Chief-Engineer Melville, United States

navy, is quoted as thinking that Peary

took the wrong route on his Arctic expe-

dition, and that Explorer Jackson will

The sea serpent has again been seen,

this time by a New York lawyer, off

Two Objections to the Plan.

Sir,-The Democratic voters owe you

vote of thanks for your manly protest against the plan of voting in the ap-proaching primary adopted by the City

Democratic Committee.

There are two insuperable objections to

the plan. It is adapted to produce con

the plan. It is adapted to produce confusion, and such confusion will inure wholly to the benefit of those who favor certain important changes in the charter. I do not charge that this has been done deliberately, but I do assert that if the City Committee had set to work to deliberately mislead the voters in the interests of the proposed changes, no more adroit device could have been adopted.

And of one thing I am fully assured: Nothing in the management of local politics since I have been an observer of them (some fifteen years) has excited so much dissatisfaction and distrust as this "plan," and the apparent unwillingness of its author to remedy its glaring defects.

CHATHAM.

Dreamy at Night Is the Rain.

(By Inda Barton Hays.)

The threatening rain-clouds droop and

And the whirling waters leap From rocky tarks near the mountain's

head, And on through the meadows sweep; The dank grass bends, and the burdocks

The glittering gems from their purple

woof—
But low is the sound with a monotone treed
Where the rain falls slant on the roof!

Apples with streaks of a crimson dye,

And plums with a silvery pall,

From rain-whipped trees in the orchard

Or dashed 'neath the garden wall;
The rain-god drives through a storm-swept sky.
The pattering drops have the beat of a hoof—

Quick splashes drip from the darkened

pane,
And we know the petals part
From lilies drenched with the drivins

rain,
And tears from the red rose start;
That fields spiked thick with the bearded grain
Have heads bent low in a dumb re-

proof—
But soft on the ear as a nocturn strain
Is the fall of the rain on the roof!

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Of the rain on the sloping roof!

To the Editor of the Dispatch:

RICHMOND, September 24, 1895.

state of preservation.

Spring Lake.

needful changes should not be made.

was most likely to veto.

A discriminating veto would have the effect of destroying the independence of our congressmen. The representative for each district now considers the appropriations he obtains as rather the most important matter which he will have to "bank on" in his race for reelection. When, under the new law, an appropriation bill is perfected by Congress and has to go before the President to be passed upon by him, then you will see your congressmen dancing attendance upon him, and "crooking the pregnant hinges of the knee that thrift may follow fawning." Our representatives will no longer be the people's servants, On the contrary, the President will possess the power of striking out of every general appropriation bill all the items which he does not like and all the items whose patrons he does not like. In a word, a discriminating veto would almost change the form of our government. We are not surprised that it has failed to commend itself to public favor.

Our fathers, no doubt, "builded better than they knew," when they framed the Federal Constitution. That instrument has been pronounced by a great European statesman to be a wonderful production of the human mind. We are glad, at least, that they could find in it no place for a discriminating veto. We regard BINED TELEGRAPHIC-NEWS SER- that measure as totally without merit. Nay! it would prove to be intolerable if we were to incorporate it into our National Constitution.

Let us give to the discriminating veto wide berth.

The Imperfections of the Plan. The City Democratic Committee chose the viva voce system of voting for our primary election in preference to the secret ballot so that no excuse should be afforded even the most querulous man to

In this the committee was clearly right, but unfortunately in the plan adopted the language used is by no means explicit. So far from it, after providing in the most unmistakable terms for the viva voce system of voting for candidates for the House, the plan turns its back upon the viva voce system-turns its back when it comes to describe how the charter amendments shall be voted for! This Syracuse yesterday, called in its platform | fault should be corrected. All the voting should be viva voce. That was the undeniable purpose of the committee, and the language of the plan should conform to this purpose.

But there is still another trouble-s serious trouble-which if not removed may cause the results of the primary fact, which was sent out to the whole to be questioned. This is the requirement that all unscratched charter amendments shall be counted as having been voted for. Here-though not so intendeda distinct advantage is given to the advocates of these amendments, since hundreds of men will carelessly prepare their

Chairman Dawson proposes a partial remedy for this evil when he suggests that the judges of election shall be instructed to ask the voter, in cases where the amendments are unscratched, if he wishes to vote for or against the amendments; but why should the committee content itself with half-way measures' Instead of adopting a partial remedy, why not adopt a complete remedy? Why, indeed?

See how easy it would be to perfect the plan in this particular. At the foot of the official ballot will appear the following list of titles of offices as to which charter amendments are proposed, and the plan asks the voter to erase the name of those offices as to which he desires

no change to be made: Board of Fire Commissioners. Board of Police Commissioners. Chief of Fire Department.

City Attorney. City Engineer

Police Justice. Superintendent of Almshouse. Superintendent of Gas-Works. Superintendent of Water-Works.

The voter may have his mind bent upor striking out one particular office, and having struck this out he may not read through the rest of the list. But no matter, the plan requires the judges to count the unscratched offices in the affirmative. In other words, the indifference or inadvertence of the voter is to be counted as a vote in the affirmative.

It is a bad plan. The committee should alter it at once. The public was led to believe that the committee would give an 'ave" and "nay" vote on each of the ten amendments, and this expectation ought to be fulfilled. And the way to do this is easy. Let there be no striking out at all of the charter amendments; but let each voter write at the end of each office 'yes" or "no"; yes to mean that he wishes the charter changed as to that office, no to mean that the voter does not wish the charter changed as to that

Such a plan as this would compel each voter to give some thought to the duty before him, since it would require him to consider whether he would write "yes" or "no" after each office named on the

The City Committee ought not to take the risk of holding a primary election under an imperfect plan. There's no telling what trouble it may thus bring upon the party. In short, our people want a perfect plan, and this is what they are asking for through the Dispatch.

The conditions upon which the call to Dr. Talmage to go to the First Presbyterian church of Washington was ex tended are that Dr. Sunderland is not to withdraw, and the co-pastor, Dr. Al-len, is not to be disturbed in his place, but may resign at his option and with the consent of the church. Dr. Talmage is to have exclusive charge of the Sunday evening services, while Drs. Sunderland and Allen are to divide the services

The New York Sun states that there are ten thousand Confederate veterans residing in that city, and it urges them to make a parade "under the command of the officers who led them on the field of battle." The Sun recommends that Colonel John T. Garnett should undertake the organization of the parade.

The warmth is now in the welcome accorded the cool wave.

startling change in the British policy respecting the Eastern question. It is that Great Britain abandon her purpose of keeping Russia out of Constantinople, The broad-gauge principles and from holding open ports in the Mediupon which this business is terranean and on the Pacific, and that conducted are evinced by the the two Powers come to some distinct understanding regarding Asia. In other increased patronage--BROADwords, the idea seems to be that Great GAUGE BUYING--BROAD-GAUGE Britain and Russia shall drop all their antagonism of years and co-operate in SELLING -- BROAD-GAUGE SERthe matter of dividing up the Asiatic

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